



THOMAS WESTON

D.R.H.'s



In 1776, Thomas Weston left his home farm (Cranberry Cottage - now owned by Michael Schofield) to his son Joseph. On the easterly side of the Plymouth road in Millbrook, it extended from the brook to the property of Moses Simmons. In 1807, Joseph recorded a deed in which he gave his son Thomas II "In consideration for my natural affection and love for my son Thomas Jr., Housewright, a piece of land on which said Thomas' dwelling now stands." Therefore it is assumed that Thomas built his house in 1802 when he married Betsy Wadsworth. The dwelling is on the northern side of the home farm, on the easterly side of the Plymouth road and adjoining Moses Simmons. In 1814 when Joseph's estate was settled, this property was again included in Thomas' inheritance.

In 1817 Thomas and his wife, Betsy, sold to Ahira Wadsworth (for \$700) the dwelling house and other buildings and two acres of land "being all the land I now own which was my father's." Ahira Wadsworth, who obviously bought this for an investment, went in to bankruptcy. Eventually the property was in the possession of Joshua Drew, who, in 1828, sold it to Abigail Kent (daughter of Nathaniel) - "two acres with a dwelling house, formerly the estate of Thomas Kent II."

Through the years it has been referred to as the "Nathaniel Kent" place. He (Nathaniel) was born in Marshfield in 1760, son of Elisha and Lusanna Kent and died in Duxbury in 1838. He married Abigail Weston, whose mother was Deborah, daughter of Moses Simmons.

Captain Nathaniel and Abigail Kent had at least five children and one of the daughters, Deborah, married Captain Daniel Soule of Duxbury in 1822. Captain Daniel was lost at sea and Deborah is said to have died of a broken heart. At any rate, Daniel Lucius, their son, was brought up by his aunts - Abigail and Maria Kent. They had a tailor shop in the ell on the east side of the house.

Daniel Lucius married Rowena Winsor (daughter of Eden and Lucy Winsor who lived across the street) and they had a large family including Eden, Sydney, Hattie and Lucy Soule Morrison - the last mentioned resided in the Russell Seaver house in the same neighborhood for 30 years.

In 1863, Abigail and Maria Kent deeded their house to Rowena Winsor Soule "in consideration of valuable services rendered over many years." In 1909, Daniel L. and Rowena Soule sold the homestead to their son, Sydney, but lived there until the time of their deaths. It now contained three acres as Abigail had purchased an additional acre from Moses Simmons heirs. Sydney had married Mercy Parker of Duxbury and there they raised their family - Elizabeth, Lawrence, Fred, Mercy, Edward, Alice, Rowena and Florence. After Sydney's death his wife sold to their son Fred W. and his wife, Cristy.

The house, a typical good sized cape, is built on a mound, facing south, with a big central chimney, an ell at the center of the back, which is now a modern kitchen, and the aforementioned ell on the easterly side now used for an office. The old barn was originally located next to the house on the northeast side. In 1946, Fred Soule moved it back in the field where it now stands. At this time the inside of the house was completely renovated.

Thus the house built in 1802 by Thomas Weston has been in the possession of his descendants right up to the present day where Fred and Cristy Soule occupy it.

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